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SUBJECT: PER-SAFETY AND HEALTH

Purpose. To provide information on riding ATVs in wetlands.

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Minnesota Statutes 84.773 prohibits off-highway vehicle operation on type 3, 4, 5 and 8 wetlands and on public waters. Under the new 2003 legislation ATV law, riding in marshes, ponds, bogs, unfrozen public waters including lakes, streams and rivers are prohibited.

Certain entities are exempt from this law, which includes NRCS. We are exempt as long as legitimate agency business is being conducted. All NRCS ATV's need some form of federal identification and proper license plates. The license plates to be in a position on the ATV where they are easily viewable.

Everyone riding an ATV should implement good judgment and common sense.

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